



"Together We Learn"

**School District No. 23
(Central Okanagan)**

BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Declarations:

1. International Walk to School Week – October 3 – 7, 2011

The Board of Education declared October 3 – 7, 2011 as "International Walk to School Week" in the Central Okanagan School District No. 23.

2. World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2011

The Board of Education declared October 5, 2011 as "World Teachers' Day" in the School District.

Recognitions:

1. Introduction of New Principal/Vice-Principals

The Board of Education welcomed the following new administrators:

Cammy Coughlin, District Principal, Aboriginal Education

John Morrone, Vice-Principal, Davidson Road Elementary School

Ryan Ward, Vice-Principal, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Presentations:

1. Valerie Richards, Member of the Aboriginal Education Council, Kelowna Métis Association

Ms. Richards acknowledged Okanagan territory and shared that she was presenting on behalf of Leo Brazeau, President of the Métis Association. On behalf of the Métis Association, Ms. Richards requested a second seat on the Aboriginal Education Council based on the large number of Métis students enrolled in the Central Okanagan School District. Approximately one-third of the Aboriginal students have identified as Métis in the District. After hearing the presentation, the Board of Education referred this item to the Coordinating Committee as an action item for placement on the October 12, 2011 Public Board Meeting Agenda.

2. Marvin Farkas, President, Lake Country Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Farkas wished to stress to the Board of Education the importance of holding the annual George Elliot Secondary graduation in Lake Country. Mr. Farkas would like to work with the administration and staff of George Elliot Secondary to ensure the graduation ceremonies remain in the community in future years.

Superintendent's Report:

Spearheaded by Project Literacy, today is "Raise a Reader Day". Community volunteers were located in various parts of the community to promote the importance of literacy. Project Literacy sponsors year round initiatives that raise funds for family literacy programs across the country.

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The Superintendent reported that the District's enrolment is slightly below the 2011-2012 projection; however, approximately 97 students have yet to complete their full course load timetables. Once this process is completed, it is anticipated that the District's Full Time Enrolment (FTE) count will increase. Currently, the Central Okanagan is the 6th largest District in the province.

Fifty secondary students are cross-enrolled in the District's secondary schools. With the adoption of a common lunch hour this year, secondary students have the option to enrol in specialty courses across the District.

A review of the British Columbia Enterprise Student Information System (BCeSIS) has been completed. Results from the study have indicated that the current electronic system is not meeting the needs of its users. Additionally, the current system can not provide the flexibility necessary to support the Ministry's personalized learning agenda. It is anticipated that a new electronic information system will be on the horizon by 2013. In the interim, the government will be staying with BCeSIS with some modifications being made to increase efficiencies.

An update on the current job action situation was provided. In particular, **Early Dismissal Days** are going ahead at schools. The Superintendent indicated that teachers have made it clear that they are willing to communicate with parents. Parents may contact classroom teachers to discuss their child's progress. As the October 7, 2011 **Implementation Day** is going ahead as planned, students will not be in session that day.

The Superintendent noted that the District is losing approximately 75 hours of management time a day due to the District's Management team assuming morning and afternoon supervision duties.

Action Items:

1. 2010/2011 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements

The Board of Education received and approved the 2010/2011 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements as presented at the September 28, 2011 Public Board Meeting.

2. Cancellation of Recess During Job Action

The Board of Education approved the following Motion:

THAT: The Superintendent provide the Board at the next Board Meeting a written report outlining the need for the cancellation of recess, the rationale, history, the practical outcome of the decision to date, and briefly what other Districts are doing.

3. Raymer Elementary School – Statutory Right of Way

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings and adopted School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 119, to grant approval for a Statutory Right of Way in favour of the City of Kelowna on Lot A, District Lot 135, Plan 8662, O.D.Y.D., commonly known as the Raymer Elementary School site, located at 657 Raymer Avenue, for the purpose of maintaining and protecting electrical services to the school.

4. District of West Kelowna – RCMP Liaison Officer

The Board of Education agreed to write a letter to the District of West Kelowna Council to recognize the support of West Kelowna for the hiring of an RCMP Liaison Officer. The Board agreed that, consistent with funding models in the other local municipalities, they would not be contributing to the financing of this position.

5. BCSTA – Call for Board Input to Funding Formula for Allocating Operating Grants

The Board of Education agreed to participate in providing input on the funding allocation system as requested by the BC School Trustees Association.

Information Items:

1. Attributes of a School District No. 23 Learner for Success in the 21st Century

The Superintendent shared a video which highlighted the work of the District's "Attribute" Committee and the consultative process that took place over the previous school year to establish the following attributes of a 21st century learner: Learner, Thinker, Innovator, Collaborator, and Contributor. Next steps include engaging members of the District and greater community to support the development of these attributes in Central Okanagan students (K-12).

2. Comprehensive Health Promoting Schools Action Plan

A comprehensive report was shared that highlighted the work of the Health-Promoting Schools Committee during the last school year as well as initiatives planned for the 2011-2012 school year.

3. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) 2010/2011 Public Sector Executive Compensation Report

This report was reviewed by the Board of Education.

Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Date:

Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

School Board Office

1940 Underhill Street

Kelowna, B.C.

The public is welcome to attend.

Next Board Standing Committee Meeting Dates: Please note cancelled meetings.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

3:00 Human Resources and Staff Services Committee **(CANCELLED)**

4:30 General Affairs Committee **(CANCELLED)**

6:30 Education and Student Services Committee